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## UNO prof Lafontant not afraid to speak his mind

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Angie Schaffer

"I have made a point not to talk about my religion, my politics and my age," professor Julien Lafontant says, a minute before he delves into these intimate topics (although we still do not know how old he is).

Growing up in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Lafontant's politics draw on his childhood in Haiti and his international travels. Although he still has family and friends in Haiti, he has not been back to his homeland for many years; the reason for this is the political turmoil in the region.

"I feel there is no hope for the situation in Haiti, but I do love my country," he says sadly.

All hope for a country for this French professor is not lost; Lafontant is enticed at the idea of becoming a U.S. citizen. Among the perks: freedom of the press. Recalling a plethora of printed criticism of President Bush, Lafontant shakes his head.

"If you do that in my country, you will be six feet under. Certainly, you have to admire the freedom of speech in the U.S."

Lucky for a man who always likes to "express openly" what is on his mind, a quality that he says is "ingrained in me."

"I always like to express openly what I have in my mind," he says. "I am not afraid of consequences."

And somehow we reached the topic of voodoo. Although raised a Catholic, Lafontant often snuck to watch voodoo rituals as a child in Haiti.

"Voodoo is a true religion, not just superstition," he says. He compares it to Catholicism — in voodoo, there is a

ruling God and many smaller deities, called Loa, which Lafontant says are similar to the Catholic saints. He believes voodoo is treated as a group of superstitions instead of a true religion because its practitioners are mostly black and the world "does not want to see it as a religion."

He goes on to say people ridicule Voodoo worshippers praying to trees, then go into their churches and pray to wooden crosses.

It seems obvious that Lafontant is not one to dabble with protecting overly-sensitive pride. And he has not even begun.

Lafontant views French, the national language of Haiti, as the "language of a former colonizer." He says: "Many Haitians feel they have to speak French to show they belong to a certain social class. I am against that, because Creole is the language of the people."

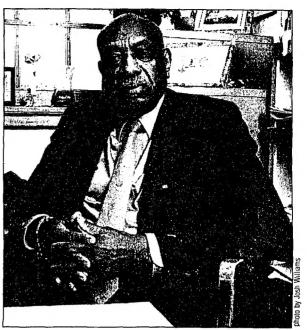
And yet Lafontant's job here at UNO is to teach French. His reason?

"Monolingualism is a disease," he says. "In this world, you must be bilingual, trilingual, if it is possible."

He says this is a quality employers look for and learning a foreign language now is an investment for the future. However, learning in his class takes on a new meaning.

"My classes are ... very hard and some students complain about that," he says. "But I don't want my students to leave without a good understanding of the subject."

Former students agree. One posted this message on



Professor Julien Lafontant is not yet a U.S. citizen, but he has made a home for himself for the last 23 years in the foreign language department at UNO.

www.unounderground.com: "He will make you memorize something EVERY NIGHT!!" (3)

## Budget cuts at UNO to be finalized in March

Kristin Zagurski

Due to system-wide budget cuts, UNO must reduce its budget for the 2002-2003 school year by \$11.2 million.

A bulletin issued by Chancellor Nancy Belck on Jan. 31 said: "As UNO considers these budget reductions, decisions will be guided by the Strategic Planning and Academic Prioritization processes. Preserving the central mission of the institution and providing salary increases for faculty and staff remain high priorities."

On Feb. 4, each of UNO's four vice chancellors submitted reduction proposals to Belck. These proposals will be made public Feb. 20 when they are reviewed by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and the Staff Advisory Committee.

Vice Chancellor James Buck said the Chancellor will make final decisions regarding the reductions using information from the vice chancellor's proposals, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and the Staff Advisory Committee.

According to the chancellor's bulletin, the budget reductions will be finalized March 13.  $\textcircled{\textbf{9}}$ 

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## UNO student, 22, seeks seat in Nebraska Legislature

Kristin Zagurski

When UNO student Brad Allen walked into his local election office to file to run for a seat in the Nebraska Legislature, he was questioned by a "little old lady."

"Are you sure you're old enough?" she asked.

Although Allen, 22, is younger than the traditional candidate, he is old enough to run.

Allen filed more than a month ago to run for the District 14 seat, but has only recently come into the spotlight.

He said it was a reporter for the *Bellevue Leader* who first looked into his story.

But it wasn't until earlier this week when the *Omaha World-Herald* ran a story about Allen's campaign that the calls began to come in.

Allen has been contacted by the Sarpy County and Nebraska Republicans, KMTV Channel 3 and KKAR radio for interviews.

"I didn't expect it would get so much attention," Allen said.

He believes the attention is due to his age, which he does not see as a disadvantage.



Brad Allen, a 22-year-old business economics major, is looking to unseat Nancy Thompson in District 14 of the Nebraska Legislature.

He does not, however, plan to use his age as an advantage and target his campaign toward the voters of his generation.

"Young people don't pay attention to government — they just don't care," Allen said.

He said that while many think the people of his generation shy away from

government because they are skeptical of it, he believes the opposite — they are not skeptical enough.

Allen first looked into running for the Legislature a year ago, when the current District 14 seat holder, Nancy Thompson, proposed a smoking ban for the state of Nebraska.

Allen, who opposes government intrusion into private lives, had what he called a "that's it" reaction.

"I decided to put my 2 cents in."

He said he is concerned about the wealth redistributing and regulating machine government has become.

"No one's even concerned taxes are so high," he said.

Allen thinks the government is gradually decreasing personal freedoms while increasing income taxes.

"I value personal liberty. I don't think the government owes you much."

Allen believes the financial deficit the state is facing is not due to undertaxing, but rather to overspending.

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## Don't let your spring break go bust

Sarah Meedel

Sun, warm temperatures, sandy beaches, daiquiris and hard bodies might be what one is dreaming about for the upcoming spring break. What people usually do not consider are the less pleasant things that can happen during one's trip --and afterwards as well.

Many people, students included, try to simplify their lives by purchasing packaged deals for their vacation. This is not entirely a bad idea, but in multiple cases, buyers have been dissatisfied.

The Nebraska Attorney General, Don Stenberg, has issued a warning to college students and their parents. He claims that around spring break time, his office is flooded with complaints from students. Many times, people have not read the fine print, which states the company will provide a flight, but has a clause saying it may postpone the flight as much as three days if it wants to, which means a person may be stuck in an airport for days without provisions or food or lodging.

Stenberg urges students to know completely what they are purchasing. Always read the contract thoroughly before

signing it. Even if the representative has already said everything there is to know, read it anyway. An oral agreement does not promise anything; only an agreement in writing does. So be sure to read before

Stenberg recommends "checking to see if the travel company has the right to change the departure date without prior notice," or

make any other sudden travel changes in accommodations without consent.

Another suggestion he makes is to find out about the cancellation policy. Numerous negative things can occur, making the oncedream vacation null and void. This is why it is important to find out where a company stands on customer cancellation. It be necessary to may purchase "trip insurance" in order to protect your investment.

Stenberg says: "Ask if trip insurance is available so

you won't end up paying for a vacation you were not able to take."

Stenberg also says: "If the sales representative can not give detailed answers to your questions and if the answers are not contained within the sales contract, this may not be the deal for you."

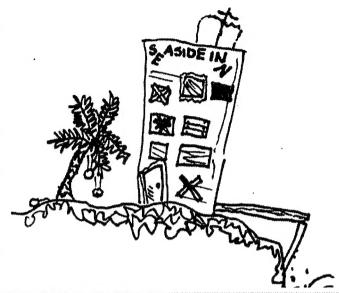
A group of law students at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

agrees with Stenberg. They also have additional tips for travelers. These students on the lookout for other students warn to be wary of agencies with a P.O. box address. Companies that do this may not want to be found later. They advise people to read between the lines. Oftentimes, lodging will be termed "near the ocean" — the term near does not always mean right next to the

ocean. In fact, the ocean can be miles away. Be sure to ask about the exact distance.

Hidden costs can be something that bite many in the ass. Upon arrival at their destination, many experience vacationers unpleasantry. One of the unexpected costs a person may have to pay is a security deposit on their lodging. When signing up for the package, it may have seemed relatively inexpensive, but when checking in, some places require this deposit and it may not even be returned. Other lodging problems include the number of persons staying together. When people plan a trip together, they assume it will just be themselves; in some cases that is

see Spring Break, page 10



### UNO students win big at American College Theater Festival

Kristin Zagurski

Three students in the College of Fine Arts brought home awards from the American College Theater Festival, which was held in Lincoln Jan. 22 to

Students from eight states representing more than 50 schools participated in the event, said Steve Williams, associate professor and director of theater at UNO.

Williams said students had to go through a selection process at UNO first before getting sent to the festival. All those who tried out were selected to participate.

"Individual schools send the best of the best," W !liams said.

UNO's group consisted of a number of students participating in many different aspects of the competition: eight acting, three costume design, three lighting, one set design and one national critics competitors.

Nikolas Mazzuca won the National Critics Competition.

For the competition, Mazzuca had to watch eight productions and write theatrical critiques of them.

Upon a judge's evaluation of his critiques, he was named the first place winner.

Mazzuca will travel to Washington D.C. in April to represent Region 5, which includes UNO, in a competition at the Kennedy Center.

Also placing from UNO were Ryan Connealy and Kim Bagby.

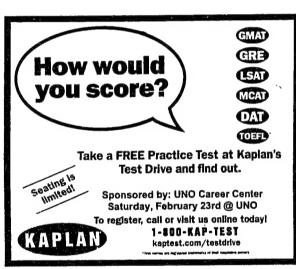
Both Connealy and Bagby participated in the David L. Thyer Lighting Design Competition.

Students who participated in that competition were required to "realize a three to five minute piece of music to lights," Williams said.

They could do so using props and up to hundreds of light cues.

The students were evaluated on the presentation of the piece, as well as on questions they had to answer in the form of paperwork.

Bagby placed first in the event. followed by Connealy, who placed second.



## Spot news **9**

Kristin Zagurski

Activities planned for National Sports and Fitness Day

Campus Recreation and the UNO Fitness Center will host a variety of activities to celebrate National Sports and Fitness Day, which is Friday, Feb. 22. The following events have been planned:

Wednesday, Feb. 20 Triathlon

Thursday, Feb. 21 Cholesterol Screening 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 22 Poker Run/Walk

For more information, call 554-3917.

Fitness Center to offer cholesterol screening Feb. 21

The UNO Fitness Center will offer cholesterol screening from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building, Room 103.

Blood will be drawn through a finger-stick. The test

screens for total cholesterol, HDL, LDL and triglycerides. Results will be provided within five minutes of the blood draw.

The test costs \$15. Appointments are required and participants must fast for at least eight hours prior to the screening. To make an appointment or for more information, call 554-3221.

Discounts to Opera Omaha's production of Little Women available

Students at UNO are eligible for discounted tickets to Opera Omana's production of *Little Women*.

The production will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 6, and Friday, March 8, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 10.

Discounted offers expire Wednesday, Feb. 27. In order to receive the discount, an order form must be completed and returned to Opera Omaha.

For more information, call Beverly Newsam in University Affairs at 554-2358.

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### 2001 the 2nd warmest year on record

Anthony R. Wood Knight Ridder Newspapers

It's official: The new millennium is hot.

With final December numbers now in, 2001 ranked as the second warmest year on record on planet Earth, according to the government's National Climate Data Center.

For all those fretting over global warming and the end of snow as we once knew it, this is disturbing. The five warmest years since record-keeping began in 1880 all occurred after 1990. In the other four years — including the warmest, 1998 — strong El Ninos, significant warming of surface waters in the tropical Pacific, contributed to the high temperatures.

Not this time.

"It was a little surprising to see it was that warm," said Jay Larimore, a scientist at the climate center in Asheville, N.C.

The climate center's worldwide network of surface stations measured an increase of 0.9 degree worldwide in 2001. With a surprisingly balmy December, it was the sixth-warmest year ever for the United States.

Earth's annual temperatures have been above long-term averages for 25 years running, according to the climate center's data. In that period, the government estimates that the global temperature has risen at a rate equal to 3 degrees per century.

On the surface, this might seem to ice the case for human-abetted global warming and put the great warming debate to rest once and for all.

But this debate is nothing if not restless. And once again, evidence collected from outer space has challenged the climate center's findings from the ground.

NASA satellite observations, which calculate temperatures for the bottom 5 miles of the atmosphere, did find some warming last year, but far less than the global network of surface stations. Based on the 23 years for which data are available, the satellite's estimated rate of warming was a mere 1.2 degrees per century, according to NASA scientists Roy Spencer and John Christy.

Even given the absence of El Nino, Christy was unimpressed with the 2001 level of warming.

"The warming has been very minor," he said. In 1980, he pointed out, another year without El Nino, the satellite found about twice as much warming as it did last year.

As he has for several years, Christy argued that the surface network has serious gaps over the vast oceans and deserts.

While admitting shortcomings, keepers of the surface databases counter that outer space is not the best place to measure temperatures on Earth. And they say they have been able to make allowances for data gaps.

Larimore — the surface guy — said the case for human-enhanced global warming isn't closed. The planet's temperature has been rising for at least 18,000 years, since the end of the last ice age, and long before the first smokestacks. The measured warming in the last 120 years has occurred unevenly. But he's convinced the trend is real, if not scary.

"Certainly, there's long-term and short-term variability," said Larimore, "but over the long term the temperatures have been rising."

# Colleges react to a changing U.S. landscape

James M. O'Neill Knight Ridder Newspapers

Colleges usually act more like tortoises than hares when it comes to changing curricula. It can take a year or more to approve a professor's proposal for a new course.

But many colleges resembled roadrunners after Sept. 11, scrambling to make courses on terrorism, Islam and related subjects available for the spring semester.

Professors also spent winter break tearing apart existing syllabi to make them relevant to the post-September landscape. And departments added extra sections of courses that once struggled to attract students.

A week after the terrorist attacks, Ursinus College biology professor Robert Dawley started gathering data on bioterrorism. Then the anthrax scare hit. Dawley suggested to colleague Anthony Lobo that they offer a new course on bioterrorism.

"My initial reason was a gut-level patriotism," Dawley said. "... What could I do to help?

"I hope the students get an idea of the complex challenge of planning against bioterrorism," Dawley said. He also said he hoped the course might spark students to devote their careers to the issue.

Like Dawley, professors everywhere are responding to surging student interest in topics that might have been hard to find on course lists last year.

At the University of Pennsylvania, professor Stephen Gale's course on terrorism doubled to 30 slots. At Camden County

College, professor Gene Evans now has two sections of his terrorism course. And St. Joseph's University, which dropped one section of "Intro to Islam" last semester for lack of interest, has both sections oversubscribed this term.

Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School has three new courses related to Sept. 11. Visiting lecturer Jonathan Marks, a British barrister, will teach "Lawful Responses to Terrorism After Sept. 11: A Human Rights Perspective."

After reviewing international law, Marks expects students to research whether America's treatment of captured Taliban prisoners has been acceptable under international law and whether the law would allow for continued American military activity in the war on terrorism.

"Faculty told me that Princeton students are quite inward-looking when it comes to political issues, so I structured the course to make them more outward-looking," Marks said

About 100 students slumped in the tiered seats of a Drexel University lecture hall the other day as biology professor Charles Haas explained that a mere kilogram of anthrax released during a 1979 accident at a Soviet Union weapons facility caused dozens of anthrax cases.

Haas is offering a bioterrorism course for the first time. He eviscerated one myth for the students, saying it would not take a truckload of anthrax to effectively contaminate a reservoir serving 50,000 people. A quarterpound would do.

Describing how someone might spread

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# opinions&editorials

## Word banishers should be banished

Jen Disney

Every year, new words are created. Some eventually make it into the dictionary, or at least common use. Being able to add to the English language has brought us a good portion of the words we commonly use today. Should we also have the right to take words away from the English language?

I say: the more the merrier; variety is good. Everyone should have the option of using a word, no matter how trivial it sounds. The more complex our language becomes, the more freely we will be able to express our ideas.

That, however, is not the belief of a group of students at Lake Superior State University, who have decided to banish words they believe simply do not fit or belong in common use, mostly because of either over-use or redundancy.

I personally have a problem with a good portion of these words being banished, but I will only subject you to a few of them (since not all are worth arguing).

In reference to the word "surgical strike," one from Michigan said: "As in bombing a Red Cross building by mistake?" The word "surgical" really means "extremely accurate." Can you really banish a word because someone does not understand what it means? In using the word "surgical" for something other than the medical field, many will realize how the word is more meaningful than simple medical terminology.

Next on the list — the phrase "faith-based." Briefly, what could possibly be a more effective way to describe an organization based on religious beliefs? Perhaps calling it a religious organization. However, if you had to come up with an adjective to describe the organization, faith-based would be one of the more accurate ones.

A term used quite often now is "9-11." Some compared this reference to the Y2K standing for the year 2000, labeling this as digital language (digitalk). Here is something to consider: replacing September with the number nine is

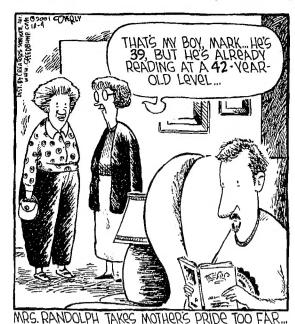
In reference to the word not a strange language, it is merely regical strike," one from chigan said: "As in bombing a language of confusing for some can save an enormous amount of time for others and if using a number instead of one word tremely accurate." Can you confuses some, they should be left in the dark.

The final term I will defend is "brainstorming." I remember the first time I was asked to brainstorm. It is not simply telling someone to think up ideas, it also adds a creative edge. It says, "use creative, original, intelligent ideas" rather than use any idea that comes to mind

Every day, common words are winced at for their redundancy, but it is all in the eye of the beholder. This is why there is so much variety in vocabulary — everyone has his or her own preferences in language. Just remember, everyone expresses him- or herself differently, and no one should be restricted from using the words of their choice. For more ludicrously banned words, check out http://www.lssu.edu/banished/.

Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



Love is . . .

#### DRIVE THROUGH COLLEGE







Melvin takes a trip to the book store

#### By Mr. Turkish



Trying to makeup for forgetting Valentine's Day

## Gateway Photo Poll

## What word or phrase would you like to see abolished from the English language?



Justin York, Senior "Homework."



Heidi Adams, Sophomore "One of my teachers says 'Are you with me?' over and over."



Andres, Torres, Freshman "There's a quiz today."



Adam
Terychowski,
Freshman
"Stuff like
'retarded' and
'stupid'."



Angela Parda, Junior "Sweet!"



Chen, Freshman "I don't know much English."

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## Hecka fresh hit, bro bra': Deciphering snowboarding lingo

Marja Mills Chicago Tribune

Snowboarders cut a wide swath, not only through sick pow (great snow), but through English as we know it.

So, as Olympic snowboarders get big air and ride fakie (backward) outside Salt Lake City this week, NBC commentator Kevin Delaney has his own trick to pull off.

Besides providing analysis and interviewing the athletes, the 36-yearold former champion is an unofficial interpreter, explaining snowboard lingo for untold millions of viewers who don't know a halfpipe from a pop tart.

(A halfpipe is the curved ramp on which snowboarders compete. A pop tart is one of many aerial maneuvers they do on halfpipes).

Snowboarding, with its daredevil moves and larger-than-ever following, is on course to be one of the most watched events this Olympics. Following the competitions Sunday and Monday, the sport has its final two days in the Salt Lake spotlight this Thursday and Friday.

'We're not going to have subtitles explaining what they're saying," Delaney said of the snowboarders he is interviewing this week.

He wasn't referring to the athletes from abroad, though they won't have subtitles either. He meant the Americans.

Ask, "How was your run?" and, Delaney said, the athletes' answer might be, "I'm stoked. I had strong amplitude on my method and the frontside grab."

Delaney's translation: "(They) are excited, pumped. They got big air (or hang time) on this trick that's called a At

method." And the "frontside grab"? "They blast into the air and with their back hand they grab their toe edge (the edge of the snowboard that their toes point toward) between their feet, straightening their front leg."

Of course, there's a cooler way to say "straightening your leg." It's "boning."

With time short, Delaney is hitting the highlights and leaving the rest up to viewers' imaginations. For those whose curiosity is piqued, NBC has a glossary of dozens of snowboard terms on its Web Olympic http://nbcolympics.com/

Language reflects culture, and snowboard lingo, like snowboard culture, is all about being inventive, being out there, and, of course, being cool. But what sounds like nothing more than cool-dude gibberish at first has its own logic, even poetry.

A light snowfall on an icy hill is "dust on crust." Likewise, elder snowhoarders - which can mean anyone over 20 - have been dubbed "grays on trays." (In some circles, your

snowboard is also your ride, your stick, your tray.) On the slopes and off them, many snowboarders are thrill-seekers with a need for speed and a bent to invent. (That rhyming thing can be contagious.)

Hard-core snowboarders riff with slang assimilated from skateboarding and surfing, hiphop and punk rock, adding their own twists and turns along the way, much as they do when they blast down hills or go airborne. Raging Buffalo the

Snowboard Park near the Chicago suburb of Algonquin, Ill., Dan Corapi and his buddies pick up some terms and make up others.

"Hecka fresh hit, bro bra," Corapi, 24, told a snowboarding friend not long ago. Corapi's translation: "Great jump, brother."

That's on his hill. It doesn't necessarily translate to riders, as snowboarders call themselves, in other

"In the Midwest, our lingo is a lot different than the guys out West and out East," Corapi said.

NBC's Delaney points out that snowboarding gets stuck with a rebel youth image that doesn't always fit a sport that has gone mainstream, commercial, and now includes diverse riders, young and old. Not everybody is a cool dude in cargo pants, and not everybody likes to riff with slang. Delaney has his own theory about why snowboarders play with so many new words. Once you've mastered the art of making the snowboard an extension of your body, and thumbing your nose at gravity, conventional words fail to do the job.

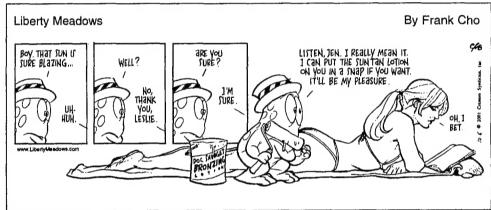
"The essence of the feeling that you get from these board sports is kind of a magic carpet ride, floating sensation," Delaney said. "It's very, very soulgrabbing in a positive way ... There's not a way to describe many of the things you feel."

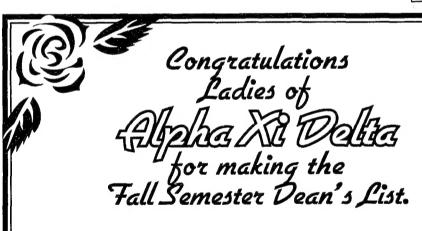
Delaney and his NBC colleagues tossed around ideas of what to call their efforts at educating viewers about the tossed They "snowcabulary," "trick-tionary" and "shreducation."

"Shredding" long has been another word for snowboarding. But say "shredding" these days and you mark yourself as what one Minnesota snowboarder called "hopelessly unhip."

"It's like 'neat-o,'" Delaney said. "It has been socially banned. There are words that kind of die out, like mullet haircuts.'

No worries. Far from Salt Lake City, hip terms-in-the-making are flying around the hills this winter, ready for their turn. 🙉





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## arts&leisure

## Townsend relocates to Writer's Workshop

Kevin Johnson

Rebecca Townsend, a 29-year-old Omaha native, returned to college after having spent two years as a registered nurse.

"It just wasn't my thing," she says.

It was Townsend's love of poetry, especially the works of William Wordsworth and Maya Angelou, that made her decide to study creative writing at the UNO Writer's Workshop,

"Writing is what I want to do for the rest of my life," she says. "I want to show people the world through writing."

Why poetry?

"Frankly," Townsend says jokingly, "because I can't punctuate for crap. The only way I could show people what I was talking about was to write in very short lines.'

More seriously, Townsend explains that to her, writing is

"Writers, poets, novelists, reporters, historians give people ideas for what they want for themselves, their families and even their country," she says. "That's why writers and other artists are the first to be killed or put in jail when a dictator takes power. Writing allows us to do things we might never be able to do in real life, such as fly to the moon or climb Mount Everest. It enables us to communicate ideas across different boundaries, races, religions, genders and cultures."

Perhaps consequently, Townsend believes there is good in all creative works, even those that art critics often condemn, such as paintings by Thomas Kincaid or novels by Stephen King and John Grisham.

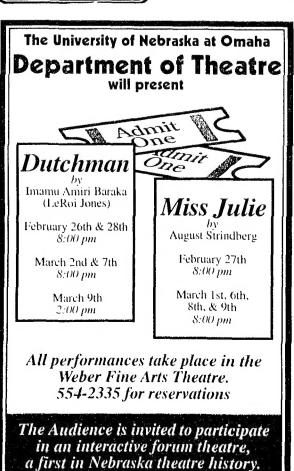
"One person's trash is another person's trashcan," she says. "Some people see crap in what is art, while others see amazing, life-changing things. It's just their point of view."

When asked what she would say to people who say that there are things that can't be put into words, Townsend says: "They're wrong. Given enough time, anything can be put into words ... People spend a lot of time trying to describe love, which is indescribable, yet people spend a whole lifetime trying to describe it to someone else. A picture is worth a thousand words, but in a different way, a word can be worth a thousand pictures. Both pictures and words to subtle things that the other can't."

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UNO. Once part of the English department, the Workshop moved to the fine arts department in the 1970s. There are currently three emphasis tracks: fiction, nonfiction and poetry. 😉



## Why Matt can't come out and play (he's very dead)

review by Mike Machian

Although everyone dies, for obvious reasons no one knows what it's like.

It's that not knowing that makes us very curious about the end. Although that curiosity probably doesn't extend to dying in a nursing home in an unchanged diaper, it's the not knowing that makes many of us fear death.

Peter Stark tries to let us know what it feels like to face the end in Last Breath: Cautionary Tales from the Limits of Human Endurance.

Last Breath is a collection of 11 short stories about people who find themselves in life-threatening situations. Those situations include such exciting deaths as hypothermia, buried by an avalanche, getting stung by jellyfish, dehydration and --

a classic -- drowning, Depending on the story, the characters are either brought to the brink of death and back or they wind up not living.

Whatever their fate, Stark weaves an interesting mix of fiction and medical science as his characters move closer and closer to that light at the end of the tunnel.

The fiction part of Last Breath is used to explain how the characters got themselves into the situations in the first place. Since the stories are really short, they don't allow for any plot or character development and it seems a little pointless. But if he

didn't even try to write a back story behind each situation, then I'd be using this part of the review to bitch about not knowing how they got there.

The back story is more effective when it's told from the second person point of view (i.e. "you've now crossed the boundary into profound hypothermia"). This helped me feel what was going on in the story. Instead of reading about how someone else is going through this, you imagine how you feel. For example, when the hypothermia story talks about crashing your car in a snow drift on the way to see your friends, it's your ass trying to dig your car out, not some guy you don't know who was introduced two pages ago.

Unfortunately, most of the stories are told from the standard third-person point of view. Stark is attempting to build characters that will remind you of people you know or

> could know. But as mentioned earlier, the stories are not long enough for us to build much empathy for the characters. A good example of this is the story on drowning. Matt dropped out of college and discovered his purpose in life is to kayak dangerous rivers. We join the story as Matt is about to kayak a very dangerous river no one has kayaked before. When he finally drowns a few pages later, I couldn't help but think, "Should've stayed in school, slacker." I can be a cold-hearted bastard

The non-fiction part of Last Breath is what really



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## MTV Cribs: In a van down by the river

column by Aaron Boyd

It may just be an opinion, but an opinion that is felt by more than just a few ... MTV's show Cribs seems to depress more than impress!

I suppose you could say MTV airs the program for the reason of the addiction it causes when you are flipping through the channels and come across celebrities' multimillion dollar mansions: Master P and his bedroom alone costing around \$3 million; Tommy Lee and his backyard consisting of a jaw-dropping swimming pool and extravagant ponds or the inside of his house where he can enjoy innumerable things, including his own personal night club; Jason Williams and basically his own planet; or perhaps even John Travolta's own personal 747, equipped with more than you could fathom.

It is almost disgusting how much money these people have. Wait a minute, it IS disgusting how much money these people have. Just by mentioning the show to people a lot of the time you get a fluctuated response. They either love it or hate it. Almost everyone I've over-heard or talked to about Cribs somewhere in the conversation brings up the word "depressing."

In a way, it is depressing. If you look at most Americans or even others who view the show, they are in a whole other world compared to these "stars." My parents, along with most of my fellow students' parents, have worked day in and day out since the day they were born trying to make a better life for not only us but themselves. It is unfortunate when you see your parents working as hard as they do five to six days a week and never have the time to go enjoy themselves, especially when you are watching Cribs and you hear everyone in the show commenting on how much fun they have, and, oh check this out, this is one of my 10 cars.

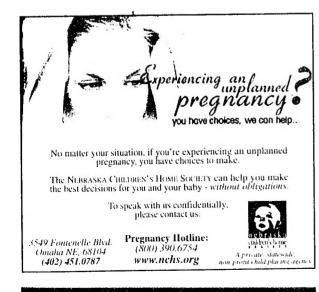
Don't get me wrong, I respect these people (most anyway) and am happy for the position they are in and the money they've made. It just seems MTV is rubbing the good life - excuse me, the great life - in our faces.

I'm not basing a great life on material things. I just want to see people I care about experience some things they dream about doing if they could ever quit working or retire. MTV shows in Cribs practically everything the majority of people can't and won't ever reach or see in their lifetime

This just bothers me for the fact that most people will have to work until the day they die. Many will retire and live off their retirement, but far too many parents and people will not have enough in their retirement to make it.

Granted, most of us do have a good life and own nice things, but showing us how much money and toys celebrities have when we already have an idea because our ignorance has failed us just isn't the kind of boasting some like, especially now when our market is so tight. There are too many people struggling out there to make it and trying to find jobs, already down because of unwanted or unavoidable circumstances. Seeing this show wouldn't help them feel any better about their current situation.

Some could argue jealousy or to just turn the channel and not watch the show, but I must admit, it is hard to see with your own eyes how filthy rich these people really are and change the channel. Although some don't like the feeling they encounter when finished with a 30-minute episode of Cribs, there is some kind of phenomenon that keeps them there. That is why the show succeeds.



www.unoqateway.com

## Drama abounds in decent John Q

review by Rae Licari

O.K., so maybe I'm just a jaded cynic, but I really wasn't all that excited to see John Q. I mean, yeah, Denzel Washington hasn't ever made a truly \*bad movie, but does the cinematic world really need another tug-at-theheartstrings drama?

Apparently, it does. John Q, then, is a touching portrayal of a working class family's struggle against the bourgeoisie medical world in the form of a hostage-thriller flick. Chock-full of drama and just a hint of action, the film is designed to yank mercilessly at your emotions.

And the film actually does a pretty good job of that. Several times throughout the film's span of two hours, I had

to remind myself to revert to my normal cynical state of mind and ease up my grip on the seat's armrest. The cinematography and plot made me tense in spite of my iaded self.

For those of you who haven't seen the trailer's the story of the movie is thus: John Q. Archibald (Washington) is your average factory worker until his son Michael (Daniel E. Smith) collapses during a baseball game and is rushed to the hospital. The problem: Michael needs a new heart. The solution: a \$250,000 transplant. The other problem: John's insurance won't cover it.

So after all the fundraising attempts end up in dead ends and the hospital plans to release his son, the only solution John can see is to take the hospital hostage in an attempt to

see John Q. page 11



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### Men's basketball preps for South Dakota road trip

Paul Freelend

Maverick men's basketball head coach Kevin McKenna and his team will hit the road for the final time in the regular season this weekend and attempt draw even nearer to the conference summit.

UNO (20-6, 11-4) will play at Augustana Friday and then travel to North Central Conference leader and No. 12 South Dakota State on Saturday. The Mavericks will look to extend their three-game winning streak through their latest foray into South Dakota.

Augustana is 12-10 and their 5-9 NCC record puts them in seventh place, one game ahead of Minnesota State-Mankato (8-14, 4-10) for the seventh and final spot in the NCC post-season tournament. UNO bested the Vikings 85-80 in their last meeting back in January.

SDSU (19-3, 13-1) is the top-ranked team in the NCAA Division II North Central Region, with Nebraska-Kearney, Metro State (Colo.) and UNO next in the rankings. The Jackrabbits are the only team this season to claim a win on the Mavericks' home floor, a come-from-behind 78-74 win Jan. 18. Before playing UNO on Saturday, SDSU will attempt to avenge its lone conference defeat when Northern Colorado comes to Brookings, S.D., on Friday.

Defense has played a large part in the Mavericks' successes so far this season, specifically the 75-point barrier. When UNO's opponents score more than 75 points, the Mavericks are a tepid 3-6. When holding their opponents under 75 points, however, UNO is a perfect 17-0.

Both the Augustana and SDSU games will tip off at 8 p.m.  $oldsymbol{\mathfrak{g}}$ 



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## Hockey team hoping to do well in last stretch

Paul Freelend

After having its bubble burst by Michigan, UNO's hockey team will look to regroup in time for this weekend's series with Western Michigan.

UNO (18 wins, 11 losses, 3 ties) currently sits alone in fourth place in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association, three points ahead of fifth-place Northern Michigan (14-13-1) and three points behind third-place Alaska-Fairbanks (16-10-2). WMU (16-10-4) is tied for sixth place with Ferris State (18-10-2). The top six finishers will host a best-of-three first round series in the CCHA tournament.

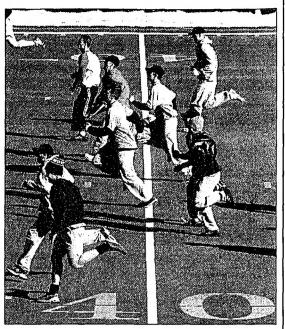
Head coach Mike Kemp and his UNO Mavericks entered last weekend riding the crest of an eightgame winning streak and a nine-game unbeaten streak, but Michigan swept the Mavs 2-1 and 6-3. The Wolverines' sweep froze UNO at 27 points in the CCHA, while Michigan climbed up into a tie for first place with Michigan State at 34 points.

WMU enters its series with the Mavericks on a positive swing. The Broncos swept Northern Michigan last weekend and are in the midst of a fourgame winning streak. UNO and WMU last met in Kalamazoo, Mich., where they split a two-game series. UNO won 4-1 on November 9, but WMU came back to win 2-0 the next night.

Maverick fans attending the games on Friday or Saturday may well see some wide-open hockey. The Broncos are tied for second in the CCHA in league scoring, averaging 3.27 goals per contest, but also surrender 3.18 goals per game, ninth in the 12-team CCHA

Both games against WMU will begin at 7 p.m. at the Civic Auditorium.

Baseballers on the 40-yard line?



UNO Maverick baseball players take part in pre-season conditioning drills on the frozen (astro)turf of Al Caniglia Field. The Mavericks begin their season Thursday, Feb. 28, against intra-city rivals Creighton before playing Wisconsin-Milwaukee Sunday, March 3.

photo by Chris Machian

### Happenings around the beautiful game

Paul Freelend

Italy's Alessandro del Piero scored in the 62nd minute to give Italy a 1-0 exhibition win over the United States in Sicily after a first-half performance that saw the Italians booed from the field.

U.S. forward Landon Donovan had a one-on-one opportunity with Italy's keeper after Marco Materazzi lost his footing on the slick turf, but Donovan's shot bounced off the far post and went wide. Earnie Stewart also had an apparent first-half goal called back for offside.

Italian coach Giovanni Trapattoni made four substitutions at half-time, which allowed the home side to come to life. Del Piero's impact was almost instant as the Juventus striker's first shot forced U.S. keeper Brad Friedel into an acrobatic one-handed save. Italy's breakthrough came soon afterwards as Chievo striker Massimo Marazzina broke through the American defense and down the right flank. Marazzina's centering pass found del Piero alone at the far post and del Piero made no mistake, coolly slotting the ball home.

Aston Villa's Darius Vassell capped his first international appearance with a goal as England salvaged a 1-1 draw in Amsterdam against Holland.

Holland had given the English their only defeat under new manager Sven Goran Eriksson, a 2-0 defeat in London in October 2001. Vassell volleyed home a 61st-minute cross from David Beckham, scissor-kicking the ball past Dutch keeper Edwin van der Sar. The Oranje took the lead in the 26th minute through Barcelona striker Patrick Kluivert, who scored his 34th goal in 59 international games.

Spain and Portugal's 1-1 draw highlighted a busy night of other international matches around the globe.

Spain's Fernando Morientes and Portugal's Jorge Costa scored for their respective sides. Defending World Cup and European champions France beat Romania 2-1 behind goals from Patrick Vieira and Emmanuel Petit, while Argentina were held to a 1-1 draw in Cardiff by Wales. Argentine player Julio Ricardo Cruz's 61st-minute goal canceled out Craig Bellamy's first-half goal.

Ireland beat fellow World Cup participants Russia 2-0 in Dublin as Steven Ried and Robbie Keane picked up the goals. Miroslav Klose's secondhalf hat trick led Germany's 7-1 demolition of Israel and Stefaan Tanghe scored to put Belgium past Norway 1-0. Pawel Kryszalowicz scored a pair of goals in Poland's 4-1 win over Northern Ireland and Ebbe Sand scored Denmark's lone goal as the Danes won 1-0 in Saudi Arabia. Sweden and Greece drew 2-2, Croatia and Bulgaria tied 0-0 and Switzerland won 2-1 in Hungary.

English Premier League side

Sunderland have picked up Cameroon international Patrick Mboma on loan from the Italian Serie A's Parma for the rest of the season.

Mboma, a former African Player of the Year, will join the Black Cats fresh from the African Nations Cup, which his country won on Sunday. Sunderland boss Peter Reid had been desperately searching for goal-scoring support after French striker Lillian Laslandes left the club.

Sunderland has been told Mboma will be eligible to play in this week's Northeast derby against Newcastle United. Along with Parma, Mboma has played with French sides Metz, Chateauroux, Paris St. Germain, Italian side Cagliari and Gamba Osaka in Japan.

Kabul stadium staff in Afghanistan swept the field and sniffer dogs checked for land mines in preparation for a soccer game between international troops and local club Kabul United.

Today's game, which has already sold more than 30,000 tickets, is designed to improve relations between the International Security Assistance Force and the Afghan people. The 20-man ISAF squad is made up of 12 British troops, two from France and one each from Italy, Germany, Spain, Denmark and Holland. Attendees at the match, entitled the "Game of Unity," are expected to include interim Afghan leader Hamid Karzai.

### Mav wrestlers to wrap up regular season

**Bobby Camerlinck** 

Tonight the Maverick wrestling team will lace up their boots and take to the mat against No. 23 Southwest State (Minn.) in UNO's final home dual of the

Maverick wrestlers Roderick Ratcliff (No. 1 at 141 pounds) and Chad Wallace (No. 2 at 197 pounds) will lead their team against the 6-14 Mustangs. Southwest State will rely on senior Cody Kummer (197 pounds), who was named Northern Sun Wrestler of the Week for the week of Feb. 5, and sophomore Josh Soupir (133 pounds) to steer the team against the Mavericks, who have compiled a 5-0 dual record at the Sapp Fieldhouse. The dual will begin at 7 p.m.

Southwest's Kummer is fresh off a Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference championship and was a junior college All-American. He pinned his championship opponent Corey Wells of Northern State in 37 seconds to secure his weight class title. Soupir came in second in his weight class, losing a 6-5 decision in the 133-pound championship match.

UNO (9-4) will be looking to break a two-dual losing skid in their matchup with Southwest State. The Mavericks dropped a pair of road duals last weekend, a 29-7 loss at No. 1 Central Oklahoma and an 18-12 loss to No. 9 Nebraska-Kearney. After the Southwest State dual, UNO will travel to Sioux Falls, S.D., Feb. 24 to take part in the North Central Conference Championships. (3)

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sets it apart from other books. It describes what is physiologically happening as we begin to die. Stark also fills us in on what we are feeling while all this is going on. While he sometimes introduces medical jargon, he does a fairly good job of explaining it. How easy is it to comprehend? I'm just a broadcasting major and I got it, so all you with real majors should have no problem.

Many of you think this book will be too morbid for you. That isn't as true as you would think. Several of the characters receive happy endings — they are rescued and brought back to the world of the not dead. I do like this book, but I was disappointed there weren't more deaths a

college student could relate to. Where was the story of the father of four who was run over by an accounting major on the way to night class? Or the journalism major who died of alcohol poisoning? Or the fine art major torn apart by lions in the food court? I guess students with \$40,000 in student loans weren't Stark's target audience.

While Last Breath won't keep you from dying, it will let you know what to expect. So if you're a little curious and have a short attention span, this collection of short stories might be for you. I would just avoid reading this book right before bedtime, otherwise you'll end up with some bizarre dreams. 😩

### Women take road for final run

Brian Brashaw

Just three games remain in the regular season schedule for the UNO women's basketball team and all are must-wins.

Currently in eighth place in the North Central Conference, the Mavericks are one spot out of playoff contention. The road games this weekend against seventhplace Augustana and first place South Dakota State are absolute must-wins if UNO wants to play in post-season action.

In the NCC, the top seven teams make the playoffs. The top school hosts the conference tournament and gets a bye, while the other six battle for the three other conference finals spots.

Augustana is UNO's first competition this weekend. The Vikings have a 12-10 overall record and a 7-7 conference

record. They upset conference leader South Dakota State last weekend and are battling to remain in playoff position. Augustana holds a 23-20 all-time series edge and defeated UNO in their last meeting 90-83 Jan. 19. Laura Hensley scored 24 points against UNO in that game, and Tamera Oltmanns had 20. Oltmanns leads the team with a 13.6 points per game average.

South Dakota State hosts UNO Saturday and boasts a 20-5 overall record and a 10-4 conference

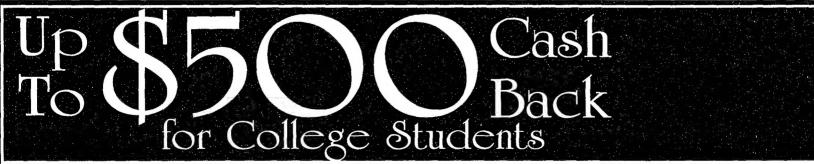
mark. The Jackrabbits will be seeking revenge as the Mavericks earned the upset at the last meeting between the two teams, winning 80-77 in overtime. The game saw eight lead changes and 14 ties. Five UNO players scored in double digits in the

South Dakota State leads the series 31-23. They are fighting to keep first place in the NCC with North Dakota. whose conference record is also 10-4.

Jen Mitchell leads the Mavericks in scoring average with 14.1 points per game. The team scores an average 73.2

UNO will host one last game against Northern Colorado Feb. 23. If the Mavericks win out and claim a playoff spot, they will begin conference playoff action Feb. 26.





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the spores, Haas sounded more like the head of a cooking class: "A wet slurry would be fine. And it would be nice to minimize clumping."

Graduate student Russ Green, 47, who works at the Three Mile Island nuclear plant, took the course to learn which organisms could pose a terrorist threat for the facility.

"I've gotten a sense of relief," Green said. "It's just a few organisms, and even these have real disadvantages."

Instead of inventing new courses, some professors made existing courses more relevant after the terrorist scares.

St. Joseph's English professor Owen Gilman added a required text for his course called "Texts and Contexts" — Daniel Defoe's A Journal of the Plague Year.

Defoe's novel describes a plague that swept through London in the 1660s.

Gilman expects that students will get a better perspective on their experience when they consider how the London plague killed thousands, and survivors fell behind burying the dead, while the anthrax scare killed a handful and still heightened American anxiety.

Like Gilman, Alan Tarr, a Rutgers-Camden professor, updated a constitutional law course to examine President Bush's executive order making military tribunals available to try those captured in the terrorism war.

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"Students will analyze the implications of these cases for Bush's order," Tarr said. "This is an opportunity for them to realize that our Constitution has real-life significance."

Interest in terrorism affords some professors a chance to use material they gathered for years. After the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, sociology professor John Bridges prepared a course on terrorism. But the Maryland community college he worked for did not think it would attract students.

In 1995, after Timothy McVeigh's Oklahoma City bombing, Bridges again thought the college would want a terrorism course. Nope.

Undaunted, he collected material through the 1998 bombing of U.S. Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. Last fall, he was hired by Gwynedd-Mercy College, and when he suggested a terrorism course for criminal justice students, the college told him to open it to any student.

The new courses are not aimed only at enrolled students. Camden County College professor Jack Pesda switched the focus of his spring course for teachers from Franklin Roosevelt to "America In Crisis: Democracy Fights Terrorism."

He will review relations between the Islamic world and the West.

"It seemed important we educate teachers and the public about this," Pesda said. "Many were shocked by the terrorist attacks, and are intellectually curious about why it happened." wrong. To be sure, ask the company how many people will be staying with you and get it in writing so it is not a surprise upon arrival.

Even though transportation to the destination may be included in the deal, be sure to find out all the details. Sometimes the transportation is bus travel. This is not always a straight-line trip. In fact, there may be many detours along the way to vacation heaven. The bus may criss-cross over multiple states, picking up other students before heading in the direction of destination.

So, buyer beware of what is included and what is not.

#### from Spring Break, page 2

Friday, February 15, 2002

Once at your spring break destination things to remember:

— In all 50 U.S. states, the legal drinking age is 21. It is not recommended to try and use a fake ID to bypass this. In heavily-visited spring break spots, police often set up sting operations to capture minors breaking the law.

— If drinking alcohol is going to be on the agenda, it is suggested to remain well hydrated. Downing a glass of water along with an aspirin before bed can greatly reduce hangovers.

— For some, sex may play a part in the spring break festivities. Remember to be safe — use a latex condom so you do not come back with an STD as a souvenir.

— Finally, do not forget the sunscreen, whether you tan in the nude or clothed.

### The big concert update

compiled by Rae Licari

#### ОМАНА:

102/15 Lennon — Ranch Bowl

02/16 Blue October — Music Box

02/18 Gwar — Ranch Bowl

02/20 Lars Frederiksen and the Bastards — Ranch Bowl

102/21 Machine Head — Ranch Bowl

102/26 Better Than Ezra — Music Box102/27 Jay Farrar — Music Box

02/28 Coco Montoya — Music Box

02/28 Land of the El Caminos — The

Junction 103/01 Agent Orange — Music Box

03/02 Hatebreed - Ranch Bowl

03/02 Desaparecidos — Sokol Underground

03/04 Dimmu Borgir — Ranch Bowl

103/07 Buckwheat Zydeco — Music Box103/13 Twiztid — Ranch Bowl

03/15 Wu-Tang Clan — Sokol Auditorium

03/18 Natalie Merchant — Music Hall 03/21 Buddy Guy — Ranch Bowl

03/27 DRI — Ranch Bowl

03/29 NOFX - Ranch Bowl

04/08 311 — Sokol Auditorium

04/27 Danger Kitty — Ranch Bowl

#### LINCOLN:

02/15 Lil' Ed and the Blues Imperials — Zoo Bar

02/16 Lil' Ed and the Blues Imperials —

Zoo Bar

02/26 Sick of it All — Knickerbockers 02/28 Jonathan Richman —

Knickerbockers

03/12 Ani DiFranco — Rococo Theatre

103/21 Gene Loves Jezebel --

Knickerbockers

03/22 The Statler Brothers — Lied Center

03/25 Rob Zombie — Pershing Auditorium

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IAMES, Iowa:

02/20 Ani DiFranco — Stephens Auditorium

02/21 Steven Curtis Chapman ---

Maintenance Shop

102/26 Split Lip Rayfield - Maintenance

03/27 'NSync — Hilton Coliseum

04/30 Dave Matthews Band --- Hilton

Coliseum

105/30 Jars of Clay --- Stephens Auditorium

LAWRENCE, Kan.:

02/16 Right Between the Ears --- Liberty

Hall

102/18 Dismemberment Plan — Bottleneck 102/19 Lars Frederiksen and the Bastards —

Bottleneck 02/21 Reverend Horton Heat — Granada

102/21 Reverend Horton Heat — Grand 102/22 Vanilla Ice — Abe and Jake's Landing 02/23 Machine Head — Bottleneck

02/24 The Calling — Bottleneck

02/25 Ani DiFranco - Liberty Hall

02/26 Jay Farrar — Granada

02/27 Sick of it All — Bottleneck

02/28 Better Than Ezra — Granada 03/08 The Good Life — Bottleneck

03/09 Twiztid — Bottleneck

03/11 Atom and His Package -- Bottlene

03/12 Further Seems Forever — Bottleneck

03/16 Wu-Tang Clan — Liberty Hall

03/19 Le Tigre — Bottleneck

03/22 Less Than Jake — Liberty Hall

03/26 And You Will Know Us By the Trail of the Dead — Bottleneck

#### MINNEAPOLIS:

02/15 Fog — First Avenue

02/16 Tangerine Dream — First Avenue

02/17 Anti-Flag — First Avenue

02/19 Gwar --- First Avenue

02/20 Stephen Curtis Chapman — Northrop Auditorium

02/20 The Calling — Quest Club

02/20 The Breeders — 400 Bar

02/21 Lars Frederiksen and the Bastards

Quest Club

02/22 Machine Head — Quest Club

02/23 Iffy — First Avenue 02/23 The Go — 400 Bar

02/24 The Good Life — 400 Bar

02/25 Mushroomhead — First Avenue

02/25 Sick of it All — Quest Club

02/26 Ben Folds — First Avenue

02/27 Brian Jonestown Massacre — 40 Bar

02/27 Rufus Wainwright — First Avenue 02/27 Mike Doughty — Women's Club

#### KANSAS CITY, Kan.:

03/26 Rob Zombie — Memorial Hall

#### KANSAS CITY, Mo.:

02/15 Paul Oakenfold --- Uptown Theater

02/15 Lee Rocker -- Grand Emporium 02/15 Blue October -- Hurricane

02/17 Creed -- Kemper Arena

02/19 System of a Down — Uptown Theater

02/24 Guided by Voices - Hurricane

02/28 Mushroomhead - - Beaumont Club

02/28 Dillinger Escape Plan -- El Torreon

03/06 Ben Folds --- Beaumont Club

03/12 Small Brown Bike - El Torreon

03/13 Girls Against Boys - Hurricane

03/17 They Might Be Giants - Beaumont Club

03/28 Kid Rock -- Kemper Arena

03/30 Coal Chamber - Beaumont Club

03/31 Nelly Furtado --- Uptown Theater 04/10 311 --- Uptown Theater

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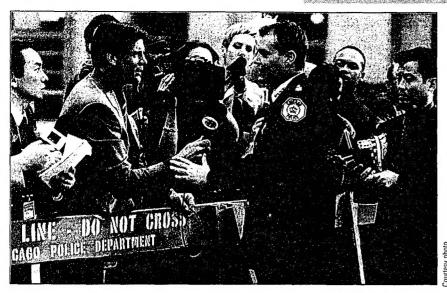
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#### from John Q, page 7



Ray Liotta (right) stars in John Q, the latest drama starring Denzel Washington, who was recently nominated for an Oscar for his role in last year's Training Day.

The Daily Crossword

force the transplant.

How's it going to end? I'm not going to give it away. But I will say this: the story was extremely predictable.

That's really the film's only downfall its predictability. The acting was topnotch and the plot was coherent (for once,

thank God) ... I just had the whole thing figured out after the first 15 minutes.

One thing's for sure, though - after watching this movie, I'm definitely going to be an organ donor.

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#### rather make personal choices or have the government making decisions for you?" Allen has chosen a conservative platform

than you do," he said, reflective of his political ideology in general, which is, "Would you

"I don't have better plans for your money

going into the primaries, which will be held May 14.

He said the top two candidates from the primary advance to the general election. As of now, he and Thompson are the only

ahead," Allen said of his chances of defeating the incumbent. He said that Thompson has union backing

"It's a long shot. There's a real tough road

#### from Candidate, page 1

and financial support, neither of which Allen

"I'm going to have to go door-to-door to make my case," he said.

Win or lose, Allen said this will definitely be a good experience for him.

Allen, a senior business economics major, has no long-term political goals. "I have no aspirations for being president

or anything," he said. He just sees "an opportunity here to get

into the state legislature." After graduating from UNO this summer or next fall, he plans to stay in school here to pursue a master's degree in business

## Kissing tips

Kelley L. Carter Knight Ridder Newspapers

So that cutie you've had your eye on is waiting for your kiss. Let us walk you through it.

Make sure your mouth is clean: Brush your teeth. Floss. Use mouthwash. Keep mints handy.

Flirt a little first.

Smile more.

Stand close; let your partner smell your fragrant skin.

Look into his or her eyes.

Don't forget to breathe, preferably through your nose.

If you wear lipstick, choose one that's flavored. Don't ask for a kiss: Go for it with

confidence. Don't be repetitive with your kissing technique. Spice it up a bit.

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Don't use your tongue like a dart: Poking can be painful.

Don't slobber. There's a difference

between slimy and dewy. Don't assume your partner will like what you like. You may have to compromise on kissing preferences.

People have boundaries. When you get a kiss, you give a kiss. It doesn't guarantee you're going to get more.

ear lobes, hands and neck. Safe places to put your hands: on the

You don't have to kiss lips. You can kiss

shoulders or on the back. Have fun. This is, after all, kissing.

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#### INTRAMURAL SPORTS

A League Top Ten (After Weck #2) As determined by The Mav-Rec Crew! Rank
1. Miller Time (2-0) Previous The Jerk Store (2-0) NR Garbage (2-0)
Free Agents (2-0)
Sig Ep A (2-0)
WP (2-0)
New Kids (1-1) o NR NR 8. Knowledge (1-1) 9. Pike A (1-1) 10. Bald Guys (1-1)

Comments: Well, we're two weeks into this and have a better understanding of how things are going to sort themselves out. Miller Time has taken the top spot back let's hope they don't go down ("choke") like they did last semester. **The Jerk Store**, with the most appropriat name in the A League this semester, (along with **The** Thugganeers), moves into second after another of their usual, all-out, private-school-basketball-clinic wins. Knowledge falls to eighth, we think they're better, but you have to play harder than that, fellas. You guys were playing defense the other night like everybody was carrying two jugs of milk around the court. Congratulations to the Free Agents on another victory, they look like the most exciting team so far. Big game Wednesday night between Garbage and Sig Ep A which should determine the top playoff seed for that league. Playoffs are less than a month away!

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B League Top Ten (After Week #2)

As determined by The Mav-Rec Crew!

Vanilla Thunder (2-0) Busch Boys (2-0) The Alliance (2-0) X-Men (2-0) NR 4. A-Weit (2-4)
5. The Hogs (1-1)
6. The Blazers (1-1)
7. Sugar Ray's Fun Police (1-1)
8. Players (1-1)
9. Pike Z (1-1)
10. DSD (1-1)

Comments: Welcome to the somewhat controlled madness that is B League basketball. Vanilla Thunder continues to dominate the Wednesday B League, but just remember how you guys dominated the Tuesday football league. We'll see what happens in the playoffs. The Alliance, Busch Boys and X-Men all stay unbeaten on Sundays, with a few other teams right behind them. The puly reason we are rating any more Wednesday night only reason we are rating any more Wednesday night teams is because there are only eighteen total teams to choose from, so it gets kind of thin rather quickly. Playoffs are less than a month away, so we only have about four more weeks of bad basketball to endure.

Campus Rec Drop-In Fitness Free to Students and HPER activity card holders.

Monday 6:45 to 7:30 a.m. - Cardio Kickbox HPER 110 with Deanna

Noon to 1 p.m. - Step HPER 230 with Chris

5:15 to 6 p.m. - Step HPER 110 with Lily

6:30 to 7:30 p.m. – Super Circuit HPER 110 with Audra

Tuesday 6:45 to 7:30 a.m. - C.A.P.S. (Cardio/Abs/ Plyometrics/Step) HPER 110 with Audra

Noon to 12:45 p.m. - Aqua Lunch HPER Pool with Dave

4:15 to 5:15 p.m. -- Basic Training HPER 110 with Deanna

5 to 6 p.m. – Women on Weights HPER 105 with Audra

7:30 to 8:15 p.m. - Power Yoga HPER 231 with Keeley

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Noon to 1 p.m. - Cardio Kickbox HPER 230 with Chris

5:15 to 6:15 p.m. - Step 'n' Tone HPER 110 with Lily

5:30 to 6:30 p.m. - Hydro Combo HPER Pool with Deanna

6:30 to 7:30 p.m. - C.A.P.S. HPER 110 with Audra

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Noon to 12:45 p.m. - Aqua Lunch HPER Pool with Dave

12:15 to 1pm - Yoga HPER 230 with Anne

4:15 to 5:15 p.m. - Basic Training HPER 110 with Deanna

5:15 to 6:15 p.m. - Power Yoga HPER 230 with Wendy

Friday Noon to 1 p.m. - Step HPER 110 with Chris

#### WELLNESS STAMPEDE EVENTS

The Wellness Stampede is sponsoring a Poker Run/Walk for all UNO students, faculty, and staff. The event will take place on Friday, Feb. 22nd at 12:15 pm. The course for the event will be on UNO campus and Elmwood park. A poker run/walk:

A poker run/walk:

\* contestants will complete the designated course mapped out by the Wellness Stampede

\* at specific sites throughout the course, a playing card will be obtained by each contestant

\* upon finishing the course, each contestant will reveal their hand......the best hand is considered the winner

\*\* official rules and regulations will be discussed the day of the event.

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All who are interested or for more information, contact Marcy at 554-3917.

Spring '02 Instructional Programs: Class: Basic Course in Kundalini Energy Yoga: Develop-Class: Basic Course in Kundanin Energy Yoga: Developing the Mind-Body-Energy Connection
Instructor: Dr. Manoj Sharma Dates: Every Friday from
Feb. 1st through Mar. 8th. Time: 9:15 to 10:45am.
Location: HPER Dance Lab (Room 231)
Cost: \$50-students, \$55-faculty/staff/general public

Class: Beginning Golf: Instructor: Brandon Burns, Golf Pro @ Pacific Springs G.C. Dates: Four consecutive Saturdays - Feb. 16, 23, Mar. 2, 9 Time: Noon to 1pm. Location: HPER Golf Lab (Room 230) Cost: \$50-students, \$55-faculty/staff, \$60-community

Class: Golf Stroke Brush-Up: Instructor: Brandon Burns, Golf Pro @ Pacific Springs G.C. Dates: Four consecutive Saturdays - Feb. 16, 23, Mar. 2, 9. Time: 1pm to 2pm. Location: HPER Golf Lab (Room 230). Cost: \$50-students, \$55-faculty/staff, \$60-community

For more information, please call Dave at 554-2008.

Campus Recreation is sponsoring massage therapy the first and third Friday of each month, from 11:00-1:00 pm. To sign up for an available slot, call the campus recreation office at 554-2539 or stop by HPER 100. Each massage is

15 minutes and the cost is \$10. Our licensed massage therapist is Mary Baughman from Stress Managemen

Campus Recreation is hosting another Parents Day Out

March 9, 2002 9:00 am to 4:00 pm in the HPER building Ages 5 through 12

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